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Acupuncturist suspended following sexual misconduct accusations

OLYMPIA — A Gig Harbor acupuncturist accused of inappropriately touching two clients has been immediately suspended by the state Department of Health.

This action, called a summary suspension, means Adam Jackson (AC00001996) cannot practice or be employed as an acupuncturist in Washington, pending the outcome of a hearing.

According to the statement of charges, Jackson inappropriately touched at least two clients between 2005 and 2007. The charging documents specifically allege that Jackson moved his hands onto one patient's breast and across her nipples during a shoulder massage.

Other allegations include manipulating another patient's nipples, making inappropriate comments about her genitals, and placing needles close to her genital area. Jackson claimed the needles near the genital area were to help with lung issues.

Jackson has 20 days to request a show cause hearing and 20 days to respond to the statement of charges. The charging documents are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). They are also available by calling 360-236-4700.

The department protects and promotes public health, safety and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of acupuncture practitioners. Rules, policies and procedures developed by the secretary promote delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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